# **JUDGE KARAS**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- v. -

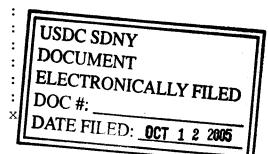
DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," CHRISTINE RICHARDSON, NATHANIEL SHYNE, and TOYBE BENNETT, a/k/a "Dmitriy Makarevich," a/k/a "Dmitriy Makervish,"

a/k/a "Eduardo Rodrigues,"

a/k/a "Cecilio Pena."

Defendants.

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## COUNT ONE

(Bank Fraud Conspiracy)

The Grand Jury charges:

- From at least in or about December 2003 through in or 1. about July 2004, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," CHRISTINE RICHARDSON, and TOYBE BENNETT, a/k/a "Dmitriy Makarevich," a/k/a "Dmitriy Makervish," a/k/a "Eduardo Rodrigues," a/k/a "Cecilio Pena," the defendants, together with others known and unknown, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to commit an offense against the United States, to wit, to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.
  - 2. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that

DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," CHRISTINE RICHARDSON, and TOYBE BENNETT, a/k/a "Dmitriy Makarevich, " a/k/a "Dmitriy Makervish, " a/k/a "Eduardo Rodrigues," a/k/a "Cecilio Pena," the defendants, together with others known and unknown, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly, would and did execute, and attempt to execute, a scheme and artifice to defraud a financial institution, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and to obtain moneys, funds, credits, assets, securities, and other property owned by, and under the custody and control of, said financial institution, by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, to wit, the defendants defrauded Citibank and Bank of America (formerly Fleet Bank), among other banks, by depositing into accounts at those banks proceeds from a stolen check, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.

#### OVERT ACTS

3. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the illegal object thereof, DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," CHRISTINE RICHARDSON, and TOYBE BENNETT, a/k/a "Dmitriy Makarevich," a/k/a "Dmitriy Makervish," a/k/a "Eduardo Rodrigues," a/k/a "Cecilio Pena," the defendants, committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere:

- a. In or about March 2004, a check in the amount of approximately \$775,000 (the "Check") was stolen in New York, New York.
- b. On or about March 12, 2004, TOYBE BENNETT deposited the Check into a Morgan Stanley account (the "Morgan Stanley Account").
- C. Between on or about July 26, 2004, and on or about August 10, 2004, CHRISTINE RICHARDSON deposited into her own Citibank account approximately four checks drawn from the Morgan Stanley Account, in the total aggregate amount of approximately \$200,000.
- d. Between on or about July 28, 2004, and on or about August 16, 2004, NATASHA SINGH deposited approximately four checks drawn from the Citibank account of her mother, CHRISTINE RICHARDSON, in the total aggregate amount of approximately \$180,000, into the Bank of America (formerly Fleet) account of Douglas NY Five Star Coffee, a business SINGH co-owned with DOUGLAS SHYNE.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.)

## COUNT TWO

(Stolen Goods Conspiracy)

The Grand Jury further charges:

4. In or about November 2004, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, TOYBE BENNETT, a/k/a "Dmitriy Makarevich," a/k/a "Dmitriy Makervish," a/k/a "Eduardo

Rodrigues," a/k/a "Cecilio Pena," the defendant, and others known and unknown, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to commit offenses against the United States, to wit, to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 2315.

5. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that TOYBE BENNETT, a/k/a "Dmitriy Makarevich," a/k/a "Cecilio Pena," the Makervish," a/k/a "Eduardo Rodrigues," a/k/a "Cecilio Pena," the defendant, and others known and unknown, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly, would and did receive, possess, conceal, store, barter, sell and dispose of goods, wares, merchandise, securities, and money of the value of \$5,000 and more, which have crossed a State boundary after being stolen, unlawfully converted, and taken, knowing the same to have been stolen, unlawfully converted, and taken, to wit, BENNETT and others used a counterfeit check to purchase at least approximately three vehicles in Florida, which subsequently were brought to New York, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2315.

# OVERT ACTS

6. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the illegal object thereof, TOYBE BENNETT, a/k/a "Dmitriy Makarevich," a/k/a "Dmitriy Makervish," a/k/a "Eduardo Rodrigues," a/k/a "Cecilio Pena," the defendant, committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere:

- a. In or about November 2004, TOYBE BENNETT sent a counterfeit check in the amount of approximately \$277,000 to Euro Motor Sports in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for the purchase of approximately three vehicles.
- b. In or about November 2004, a co-conspirator not named as a defendant herein ("CC-1") picked up one of the vehicles at Euro Motor Sports that had been purchased with the counterfeit \$277,000 check.
- c. In or about November 2004, at least one of the vehicles purchased with the counterfeit check was brought to New York, New York.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.)

## COUNT THREE

(Bank Fraud Conspiracy)

- 7. In or about June 2005, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," CHRISTINE RICHARDSON and NATHANIEL SHYNE, the defendants, together with others known and unknown, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to commit an offense against the United States, to wit, to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.
- 8. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues,"

CHRISTINE RICHARDSON, and NATHANIEL SHYNE, the defendants, together with others known and unknown, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly, would and did execute, and attempt to execute, a scheme and artifice to defraud a financial institution, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and to obtain moneys, funds, credits, assets, securities, and other property owned by, and under the custody and control of, said financial institution, by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, to wit, the defendants defrauded Commerce Bank and Citibank, among other banks, by depositing counterfeit checks and proceeds from such checks into accounts at those banks, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.

## OVERT ACTS

- 9. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the illegal object thereof, DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," CHRISTINE RICHARDSON and NATHANIEL SHYNE, the defendants, committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere:
- a. On or about June 8, 2005, a counterfeit check for approximately \$180,000 was deposited into the Commerce Bank account of NATHANIEL SHYNE, located in New York, New York.
- b. On or about June 9, 2005, NATHANIEL SHYNE issued approximately two checks drawn from his Commerce Bank account to CHRISTINE RICHARDSON in the total aggregate amount of

approximately \$135,000, which checks were deposited into RICHARDSON's Citibank account.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.)

## COUNT FOUR

(Bank Fraud Conspiracy)

- 10. From at least in or about July 2005 through in or about August 2005, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," and NATHANIEL SHYNE, the defendants, together with others known and unknown, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to commit an offense against the United States, to wit, to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.
- 11. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," and NATHANIEL SHYNE, the defendants, together with others known and unknown, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly, would and did execute, and attempt to execute, a scheme and artifice to defraud a financial institution, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and to obtain moneys, funds, credits, assets, securities, and other property owned by, and under the custody and control of, said financial institution, by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, to wit, the defendants defrauded

Bank of America and Commerce Bank, among other banks, by depositing counterfeit checks and proceeds from such checks into accounts at those banks, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344.

## OVERT ACTS

- 12. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the illegal object thereof, DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," and NATHANIEL SHYNE, the defendants, committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere:
- a. On or about July 25, 2005, a co-conspirator not named as a defendant herein ("CC-2") deposited into CC-2's Bank of America account approximately two counterfeit checks in the total aggregate amount of approximately \$153,000.
- b. In or about August 2005, CC-2 issued approximately six checks drawn from CC-2's Bank of America account to a business co-owned by NATASHA SINGH and DOUGLAS SHYNE, in the total aggregate amount of approximately \$73,500.
- c. In or about August 2005, CC-2 issued approximately three checks drawn from CC-2's Bank of America account to NATHANIEL SHYNE, in the total aggregate amount of approximately \$21,550, which were deposited into NATHANIEL SHYNE's Commerce Bank account, located in New York, New York.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1349.)

# COUNT FIVE

(Bank Fraud)

The Grand Jury further charges:

November 2004, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," the defendant, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly, did execute and attempt to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud a financial institution, the deposits of which were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and to obtain moneys, funds, credits, assets, securities, and other property owned by, and under the custody and control of such financial institution, by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, to wit, NATASHA SINGH defrauded First National Bank of Omaha, among other banks, by using a credit card and checks under the fictitious identity of "Beatris Rodrigues," drawn on First National Bank of Omaha accounts.

(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1344 and 2.)

## COUNT SIX

(Money Laundering Conspiracy)

- 14. The allegations set forth in paragraph 3 are repeated and realleged as if set forth fully herein.
- 15. From at least in or about December 2003 through in or about August 2005, in the Southern District of New York and

elsewhere, DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," CHRISTINE RICHARDSON, and TOYBE BENNETT, a/k/a "Dmitriy Makarevich," a/k/a "Dmitriy Makervish," a/k/a "Eduardo Rodrigues," a/k/a "Cecilio Pena," the defendants, and others known and unknown, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i).

16. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that in or about December 2003 through in or about August 2005, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," CHRISTINE RICHARDSON, and TOYBE BENNETT, a/k/a "Dmitriy Makarevich," a/k/a "Dmitriy Makervish," a/k/a "Eduardo Rodrigues," a/k/a "Cecilio Pena," the defendants, and others known and unknown, in an offense involving and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, knowing that the property involved in certain financial transactions represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly would and did conduct and attempt to conduct such financial transactions, which in fact involved proceeds of specified unlawful activity, to wit, bank fraud, knowing that the transactions were designed in whole and in part to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, and the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section

1956(a)(1)(B)(i).

## OVERT ACTS

- 17. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the illegal object thereof, DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," CHRISTINE RICHARDSON, and TOYBE BENNETT, a/k/a "Dmitriy Makarevich," a/k/a "Dmitriy Makervish," a/k/a "Eduardo Rodrigues," a/k/a "Cecilio Pena," the defendants, committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere:
- a. From on or about July 26, 2004, through on or about August 10, 2004, approximately four checks, totaling approximately \$200,000, drawn from the Morgan Stanley Account opened by TOYBE BENNETT, were deposited into the Citibank account of CHRISTINE RICHARDSON.
- b. From on or about July 28, 2004, through on or about August 16, 2004, approximately four checks, totaling approximately \$180,000, drawn from the Citibank account of CHRISTINE RICHARDSON, were deposited into the Bank of America (formerly Fleet) account of Douglas NY Five Star Coffee, a business co-owned by NATASHA SINGH and DOUGLAS SHYNE.
- c. On or about April 26, 2004, a check in the amount of approximately \$87,600, drawn from the Morgan Stanley Account opened by TOYBE BENNETT, was deposited into the Citibank account of a co-conspirator not named as a defendant herein ("CC-3").
  - d. On or about May 12, 2004, a check in the amount of

approximately \$47,230, drawn from CC-3's Citibank account, was deposited into the Bank of America (formerly Fleet) account of Douglas NY Five Star Coffee, a business co-owned by NATASHA SINGH and DOUGLAS SHYNE.

e. On or about June 2, 2004, a check in the amount of approximately \$35,000, drawn from CC-3's Citibank account, was deposited into the Bank of America (formerly Fleet) account of Douglas NY Five Star Coffee, a business co-owned by NATASHA SINGH and DOUGLAS SHYNE.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).)

## COUNT SEVEN

(Money Laundering Conspiracy)

- 20. From at least in or about June 2005 through in or about August 2005, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," CHRISTINE RICHARDSON, and NATHANIEL SHYNE, the defendants, and others known and unknown, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly did combine, conspire, confederate, and agree together and with each other to violate Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i).
- 21. It was a part and an object of the conspiracy that in or about June 2005 through in or about August 2005, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere, DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," CHRISTINE RICHARDSON,

and NATHANIEL SHYNE, the defendants, and others known and unknown, in an offense involving and affecting interstate and foreign commerce, knowing that the property involved in certain financial transactions represented the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, unlawfully, willfully, and knowingly would and did conduct and attempt to conduct such financial transactions, which in fact involved proceeds of specified unlawful activity, to wit, bank fraud, knowing that the transactions were designed in whole and in part to conceal and disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, and the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a)(1)(B)(i).

## OVERT ACTS

- 22. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect the illegal object thereof, DOUGLAS SHYNE, NATASHA SINGH, a/k/a "Beatris Rodrigues," CHRISTINE RICHARDSON, and NATHANIEL SHYNE, the defendants, committed the following overt acts, among others, in the Southern District of New York and elsewhere:
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- e. In or about August 2005, CC-2 issued approximately three checks drawn from CC-2's Bank of America account to NATHANIEL SHYNE, in the total aggregate amount of approximately \$21,550.

(Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(h).)

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Defendants.

# **INDICTMENT**

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(Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2, 371, 1344, 1349, 2315, 1956(a)(1)(B)(i), 1956(h).)

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